

# **FISCAL NOTE**

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URBAN DRAINAGE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ELECTIONS **Bill Topic:** 

Summary of **Fiscal Impact:**  □ State Revenue □ State Expenditure

□ State Transfer

□ TABOR Refund

□ Statutory Public Entity

This bill clarifies election procedures for the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District. To the extent that the district enters into coordinated elections with member counties, the district must reimburse county clerks and recorders for election costs

using a formula specified in the bill. These impacts are ongoing.

**Appropriation Summary:** 

No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note** Status:

This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill clarifies election procedures for the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (district), and specifies that elections in the district can be held either independently or in coordination with the county clerks and recorders of the counties included in the district. The bill includes a formula to calculate the district's share of total costs if participating in a coordinated election. It also aligns various definitions with the Uniform Election Code, deletes a provision specifying the date that a resolution calling a district election must be called, and conforms elections for annexation to the requirements in the Colorado Local Government Election Code.

## **Background**

The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District was established to assist local governments in the Denver metro area with multi-jurisdictional drainage and flood control problems. The district serves the counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson. There are approximately 2.8 million people within the district.

#### **Local Government**

The bill specifies a formula that must be used to calculate the district's share of the election costs for any Urban Drainage and Flood Control District election held in coordination with the county clerk and recorder in a member county. Should an election be held in coordination with the

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counties included in the district, the cost owed to county clerk and recorders will vary widely depending on the size of the county; with election costs varying from 11 to 18 percent of the total election costs, or \$87,000 to \$150,000.

## **Effective Date**

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The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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